Number of Employees covered by the Employees' State Insurance Scheme.

Q.—2121. Sri G. ANNA RAO (Afzalpur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total number of employees covered by the Employees' State Insurance Scheme;

(*b*) the benefits provided to the employees under this scheme ?

A.—Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Minister for Labour and Legal Affairs).—

(*a*) About 50,000 according to present computation. Actuals will be known after registration work is completed in April 1958.

(*b*) Benefits will be provided to the employees in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Four benefits namely Sickness Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Disability Benefit and Dependants are payable in cash by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation and the fifth will be in kind, *i.e.*, the Medical Benefit provided both to the employees and their families, in different scales in accordance with Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948. Under Medical Benefit:

1. Employees get out-door treatment, Hospitalisation, specialists services, ambulance provision and drugs including special medicines as well as medicines prescribed by Specialists.

2. Families get out-door treatment including supply of special medicines that can be prescribed by Insurance Medical Officers and domiciliary confinement facilities for the insured person's wife.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—What is the total insurable population of employees and the proportion covered by the scheme ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I do not understand what is meant by insurable population. Is it limited to the workers employed or is it the population of any particular area that the member has got in his mind ?

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—Not the population of a particular area but the employees who can be insured ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—The answer says that it is 50,000 according to the present computation.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—I am not asking about the present computation. Does this cover the whole of the employees or the insurable employees under the scheme now ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—The number 50,000 is the number of persons who will be receiving of benefit when the scheme is introduced. If on the other hand any other sub-head information is wanted with regard to the figures, I would say I would require notice.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—Even as regard this 50,000 which are the concerns where registration is going on ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I do not have that information at the moment. If it is wanted I can gather it, but it was not asked for in the question and that is why it has not been got ready,

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—What is the share of the State Government in this insurance ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—This insurance has not as yet been introduced. When expenses are incurred I will be in a position to tell the member the exact amount.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—What is the maximum number of families to be allowed on list of panel of practitioners ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Even the panel has not been got ready as yet. It is to be introduced by the 31st May. The various kinds of benefits are being categorised and the panel will be prepared in connection with that.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—What is the amount provided in the current budget to meet the expenses ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—The Hon'ble Member has read the budget and he must be good enough not to ask for that information.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is the scheme introduced at all in Mysore State ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—It is going to be introduced by the 31st May 1958.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—In answer to (a) it is stated that about 50,000 employees would be covered according to present computation. What is the number which is going to be excluded from the purview of the scheme ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I do not understand the question. When the number of persons proposed to be covered is mentioned, there is no idea of excluding anybody from the purview of this scheme.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—Does the scheme cover only the industrial employees of the Government or the employees in the private sector also ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—There is no distinction between employee and employee.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Is there any State Corporation ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Four benefits, namely, Sickness Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Disability Benefit and Dependants Benefit are payable in cash by the Employees State Insurance Corporation and the fifth will be in kind, *i.e.*, the medical benefit provided both to the employees and their families, in different scales in accordance with Employees' State Insurance Act.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Is there any State Life Insurance Corporation ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—There is a Central Corporation and the moneys are disbursed and spent through the Government.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—How is it then that you have mentioned 'State Insurance Corporation' in the reply ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—That is a small error.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—Has it come to the notice of Government that some of the industrial concerns have not been crediting their share to the State Employees' Provident Fund.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—Government is aware of that and is trying to collec. it.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—What action has it taken to collect it ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA. Government is trying to collect it.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—Is it a fact that the expenses have increased very much because the State Insurance Corporation has laid down certain standards of treatment ?

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA.—I have got here the Employees' State Insurance Scheme and I can either lay it on the Table of the House or give it to any Hon'ble Member who wants it.

Stopping of Increments of Sub-Inspector of Excise, Gulbarga Division.

Q.—2252. Sri S. SHARAN GOWDA (Jewargi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that increments of one Sri Aqubal Ahamad Shariff, Sub-Inspector of Excise, Gulbarga Division, were stopped by the then Deputy Excise Commissioner of Gulbarga, Sri M. R. Madhusudan Rao, for being involved in corruption of a very serious nature ;

(*b*) if so, the result of the inquiry, if any, and the reasons for not taking further action by the present Deputy Excise Commissioner, Gulbarga ?

A.—Sri MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Excise and Rural Industries).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the reply to (*a*).

[Sri S. SHARAN GOWDA asked supplementary questions in Urdu and the Minister replied in Urdu].

Sri V. SRINIVAS SHETTY.—Sir, I rise to a point of order. It looks as though it is a private conversation between the Hon'ble Member and the Minister. Under the rules we are entitled to put supplementaries, but now I am at a loss to understand what supplementaries I should ask. So I